

NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR A CORRIDOR STUDY/ RAILROAD CROSSING ANALYSIS IN WEST CHARLOTTE

TIP Project No. P-3309K

Mecklenburg County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation will hold an informal, open house-style meeting known as a citizens' informational workshop on June 7, 2012, regarding three West Charlotte rail crossings.

The meeting will be held at the Greater Mount Sinai Baptist Church Enrichment Center, located at 1243 West Boulevard in Charlotte from 5-7 p.m. NCDOT representatives will be present to answer questions and receive comments in order to develop recommendations for improving the railroad crossings along this corridor. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will be provided. Interested citizens may attend at any time. There will not be a formal presentation.

The workshop is the second regarding project recommendations on railroad crossings at Donald Ross Road, Berryhill Road and West Summit Road. A previous workshop was held on Feb. 16.

The study recommendations include two scenarios -- short term and long term improvements. The short term improvements recommended for all three crossings is to keep them open and active as at-grade crossings. The long term improvements would be to close the crossings dependent on the implementation of future local and state projects. Currently, any future projects are not funded.

NCDOT's goal is to ensure the safety of passengers and train crews, motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and the surrounding communities.

For more information, contact Nancy Horne, NCDOT Rail Division - Engineering & Safety Branch, 1556 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, 27699-1556, by phone at (919) 715.3686, or by e-mail at nhorne@ncdot.gov. Citizens may also contact consultant Scot Sibert of STV/RWA at (704) 372-1885 or via email at scot.sibert@stvinc.com.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact NCDOT Senior Public Involvement Officer Kimberly Hinton at (919) 707.6072 or via email at khinton@ncdot.gov as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.